

by a fake person named Mr. Sagar Sunil Vyaparis from Thane District to be that of his father on 12.7.2006 and he was also paid compensation of Rs. one lakh as he had produced the death certificate and the cremation report. However, on 15.7.2006 when a person named Mr. Mittal Jitendra Gandhi from Mumbai approached the police as his father was missing, the police showed him the belongings recovered from various dead bodies. Out of these belongings, this person identified his father's railway photopass and the visiting card. The police showed him the photographs of the dead bodies, out of which he identified one to be that of his father. The police traced the dead body to the fake claimant and filed the FIR No. 240/06 against the fake person and his wife under Sections 419, 420, 201, 205, 181 and 114 of the IPC on 18.7.2006. The compensation cheque was recovered. The rightful claimant has since been given compensation.

Freedom fighters in the country

1568. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of freedom fighters in India, as on 30th November, 2006, State-wise;
- (b) whether Union Government are actively considering extension of the Freedom Fighter Pension Scheme to the aged, old life partners of freedom fighters; and
- (c) the number of freedom fighters expected to decrease/increase annually, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Since the inception of the Scheme in 1972, pension has been sanctioned to about 1,69,969 freedom fighters and their eligible dependents till 30.11.2006. A Statement indicating the State-wise number is enclosed (See below). This Ministry does not have the exact number of freedom fighters and their eligible dependents presently living and drawing pension.

(b) The *Swantatrata Sainik Samman* Pension Scheme, 1980 already provides for grant of dependent family pension to spouses (widows/ widowers), unmarried & unemployed daughters (upto maximum three) and parents of deceased freedom fighters (as also of martyrs).

(c) The decrease/increase in the number of freedom fighters would be dependent upon the life spans of the existing pensioners and the number of fresh claims sanctioned in future.

Statement

Freedom fighters in the country.

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of Pensions Sanctioned
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14,572
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
3.	Assam	4,437
4. & 5.	Bihar (including Jharkhand)	24,870
6.	Goa	1,425
7.	Gujarat	3,594
8.	Haryana	1,684
9.	Himachal Pradesh	617
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	1,806
11.	Karnataka	10,082
12.	Kerala	3,192
13. & 14.	Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh)	3,465
15.	Maharashtra	17,581
16.	Manipur	62
17.	Meghalaya	86
18.	Mizoram	04
19.	Nagaland	03
20.	Orissa	4,188
21.	Punjab	7,005
22.	Rajasthan	808
23.	Tamil Nadu	4,097

1	2	3
24.	Tripura	887
25.	Sikkim	00
26. & 27.	Uttar Pradesh (including Uttranchal)	17,990
28.	West Bengal	22,479
29.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	03
30.	Chandigarh	89
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	83
32.	Daman & Diu	33
33.	Lakshadweep	00
34.	NCT of Delhi	2043
35.	Pondicherry	317
	Indian National Army (INA)	22,467
TOTAL		1,69,969

Non-utilisation of BADP funds

1569. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Border Area Development Programme funds are not being used in Jammu and Kashmir within five Km. of the border;

(b) the details of the BADP funds spent in that State during the period 2003-06, year-wise and block-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that these funds have been allocated, without consulting the people settled in whose areas; and

(d) whether Government propose to consult the representatives of the areas, while allocating funds for the respective areas; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) BADP is being implemented in Border Blocks as per the guidelines with priority to areas close to the border.